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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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AMENITIES TO PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Railways for providing facilities to the passengers during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the facilities for passengers of second class; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS((SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Rs. 115.25 crores were spent during 1999- 2000 & Rs. 75.14 crores during 2000-2001 (Appx. Upto Dec. 2000) under plan head passenger amenities.

(b) & (c) Upgradation of facilities at stations for all classes of passengers is a continuous process. Required works in this regard are sanctioned through works machinery & rolling stock program of Railways, which is presented to Parliament each year. The design of second class coaches has been improved over the year by providing the following features for improved passenger comfort:

(i) Provision of UIC type vestibules in reserved coaches for better and safer inter-connection between coaches,

(ii) Fitment of pilferproof fibre reinforced plastic windows and shutters.

(iii) Improved PVC flooring and stainless steel inlays in toilets.

(iv) Change over to 110 Volt electrical system in place of 24 Volt system for better lighting.